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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Telephone Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner, Douglas A. Hess, for granting and for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview with Applicants' undersigned representative Morey B. Wildes on November 12, 2008, during which the specifics of the Restriction Requirement in the pending Office Action were discussed.

In addition, the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned representative also discussed the prospects of incorporating the limitations of claim 2, which was indicated as allowable, into claim 1. The Examiner indicated that adding the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1 would result in allowability of all claims, not just those that were elected for examination. Applicants note, however, that not all claims depend from claim 1 and assume that this indication that all claims would be allowable was in error with respect to claims not dependent upon claim 1.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-53 and 58-77 are pending in the application, claims 54-57 having been canceled. Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14-18, 23, 24, 26-33, 35-53, and 58-75 were indicated by the Examiner to be withdrawn. Claim 2 has been objected to. Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25, 34 and 77 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 62 and 69 have been amended herein. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

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Claim 2 has been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has therefore been canceled, and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 2, so that now amended independent claim 1 claim is in fact previous claim 2 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1). Claims 62 and 69 have also been amended so as to be dependent upon amended independent claim 1.

Applicants respectfully assert that this amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 2 (now amended claim 1).

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25, 34 and 77 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Yamazaki et al. (US 5,562,396). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 2, which was objected by the Examiner in the Office Action but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, amended independent claim 1 is allowable, as was indicated by the Examiner in the Telephone Interview.

Claims 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25, 34 and 77 depend from, directly or indirectly, independent amended claim 1, and therefore include all the limitations of that claim. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25, 34 and 77 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to amended independent claim 1 and to claims 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25, 34 and 77 dependent thereon.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25, 34 and 77.

Rejoinder of Claims

Applicants point out that claims 3, 4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14-18, 23, 24, 26-33, 35-53 and 58-75 were indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action as being withdrawn as being directed to a nonelected species. However, in view of the fact that claims 3, 4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14-18, 23, 24, 26-33, 35-53 and 58-75 are dependent upon amended independent claim 1, which is generic, Applicants now request that these be rejoined. In addition, since amended independent claim 1 now includes the limitations of claim 2, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter, and is therefore now itself allowable, Applicants respectfully request that all other claims dependent upon claim 1 (directly or indirectly) be passed to allowance along with claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25 and 34.

Applicants note that claims 62 and 69 have been amended so as to be dependent upon amended independent claim 1, which is generic, such that these claims, as well as claims 63-68 and 70-77 that are dependent upon claims 62 and 69, should also be rejoined. In addition, in view of the fact that amended independent claim 1 now includes the limitations of claim 2, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter, and is therefore now itself allowable, Applicants respectfully request that claims 62 and 69, as well as claims 63-68 and 70-77 that are dependent upon claims 62 and 69, which are all dependent upon claim 1 (directly or indirectly), be passed to allowance along with claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 13, 19-22, 25 and 34.

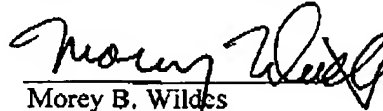
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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